

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 06-01-24**

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For Work Week Commencing: January 23, 2006
Commission Meeting: January 24, 2006, 9:00 a.m.

General Introduction This agenda is the Commission's Utility Division agenda for the work week designated. In the later part of each week (generally, Thursday by 2:00 p.m.) prior to the work week to which an agenda pertains, the agenda is posted on the public information bulletin board at the Commission offices, deposited in the mail directed to all persons who have properly requested notice by mail, emailed to all persons who have properly requested notice by email, and posted to the Public Service Commission's worldwide web site located at <http://www.psc.mt.gov>.

Place of Meetings All meetings are held at the Commission offices, 1701 Prospect Avenue, Helena, Montana, unless otherwise noted.

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9:00 a.m. Weekly Scheduling (Commission Conference Room)

9:30 a.m. Business (Bollinger Room)

Public Comments

Action Items All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. BLACK HILLS POWER D2005.12.176 (Eric)

On December 21, 2005, BHP filed a Quarterly Fuel Rate Rider application. A Notice of Opportunity for Public Hearing was issued on December 23, 2005. Requests for hearing were due by January 23, 2005. No requests have been received. This application will increase revenues by \$46,632 over the base cost of fuel approved in Docket No. 83.4.25. A default order has been drafted. Probable motion: Grant BHP's Quarterly Fuel Rate Rider application.

Work Sessions All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated.

1. Qwest – Statute of Limitations – Discuss the Statute of Limitations. (1/24/06)
2. D2005.12.179 – Big Mountain Water – Introduce request for tariff modification and get direction. (1/24/06)
3. D2005.4.49, (D2004.9.145) – Mountain Water Company general rate case (and power tracker) – Discuss the record and get direction from the Commission on the merits of the issues in this case. (1/24/06)
4. Potential PSC legislation for 2007 session – Discuss potential PSC legislative initiatives and whether to request the Energy & Telecommunications Interim Committee to sponsor any of them. (1/24/06)
5. Out of State Staff Travel. (1/24/06)

Other Meetings

1/25/06 – 1:30 p.m. – NorthWestern Energy informational meeting – Bollinger Room

Weekly Scheduling – Will be held at 9:00 a.m. on the day of the Commission Meeting

Notice Items All items identified below are noticed for public participation purposes. Unless otherwise stated in the text of the notice, the items will be action items on the next following agenda or a subsequent agenda and participation may be had by submitting written comments to the Public Service Commission, 1701 Prospect Avenue, P.O. Box 202601, Helena, Montana, 59620-2601, within 5 calendar days following publication of this agenda. Public comments on a noticed matter may also be submitted within the required time through the PSC's web-based comment form at <http://psc.mt.gov/Consumers/comments>. Comments should reference the docket number of the matter.

1. CenturyTel N2005.12.183 (Scott)

On December 16, 2006, CenturyTel Filed Tariff Transmittal 05-07. In this filing CenturyTel is proposing to offer residential customers who subscribe for a 12

month commitment will be eligible to receive Simple Choice and Unlimited CenturyTel long Distance for \$39.95 per month.

2. Ronan Telephone Company N2006.1.4 (Scott)

On January 17, 2006, Ronan Telephone Company (RTC) filed tariffs for the Primary Interexchange Carrier (PIC) change charge. This tariff complies with the rates and terms specified in FCC 05-32 and DA 05-1045 (CC Docket No. 02-53 released on February 17, 2005.)

Protective Orders – Notice Items The Commission has received the following requests for protective order pursuant to ARM 38.2.5007. The Commission will rule on the requests no earlier than 10 days after the publication date of this agenda. Comments on the requests may be submitted at any time prior to ruling. Any person wanting a copy of a protective order request should contact the Commission at (406) 444-6199.

Protective Orders – Information Items The Commission has issued the following protective orders. These orders may be challenged pursuant to ARM 38.2.5008. Copies of these orders may be obtained by calling the Commission at (406) 444-6199

1. Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., D2003.4.49, et al., Consolidated Annual Monthly Natural Gas Trackers, Order No. 6691a, January 10, 2006.

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

New Filings Received in Past Week

D2005.12.183 – CenturyTel – TT -05-07 – New Promotions

N2006.1.4 – Ronan Telephone – Tariff A-2 – Pre-Subscription to Interexchange Carriers